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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF DPRK SPECIAL  
RAPPORTEUR MANDATE BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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¶1. (SBU) On April 1 PolOffs delivered reftel demarche to Paul Essel, MFA Director of International Organizations Affairs, urging Ghana to support renewal of the mandate of the DPRK Special Rapporteur, and to express our general support for country-specific resolutions within the HRC. [NOTE: Due to the Easter holiday, post was unable to secure an earlier appointment. END NOTE]. Mr. Essel confirmed that Ghana shares U.S. concerns about human rights abuses in the DPRK and said the MFA had instructed its mission to vote for extending the mandate. He added that Japanese diplomats had delivered a similar message regarding the North Korea resolution earlier in the week.

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